

Greater Sydney Commission Information Note 7

Declaration of the Western City District

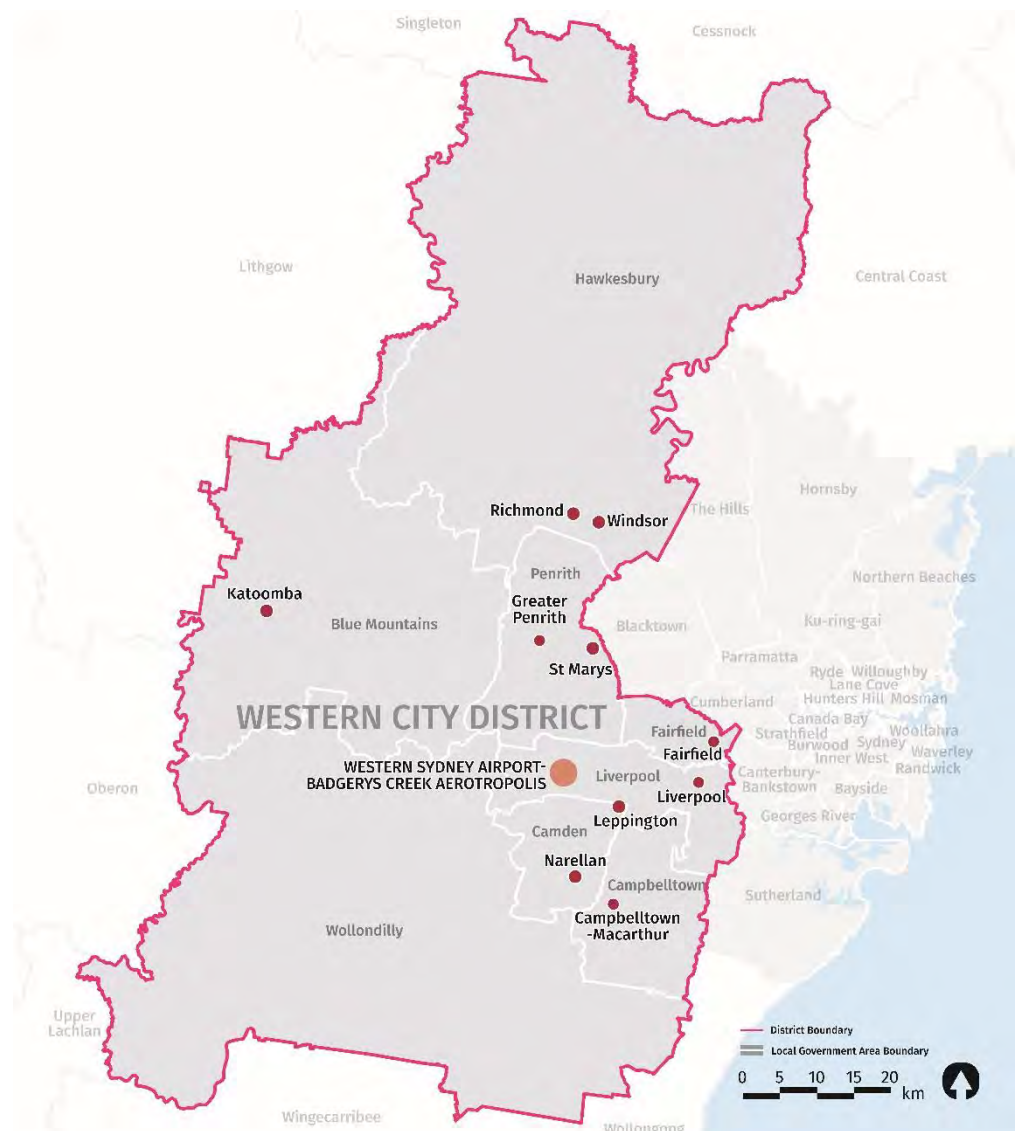
What is the Western City District?

On 22 September 2017, the Minister for Planning made an Order to declare the “Western City District” to be a District of the Greater Sydney Region.

It has brought together the former West District and South West District.

The Western City District includes the following Local Government Areas: Blue Mountains; Camden; Campbelltown; Fairfield; Hawkesbury; Liverpool; Penrith; and Wollondilly.

The map (right) shows the Western City District.



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Why has the Western City District been created?

The Greater Sydney Commission identified that the boundary of the former West District and former South West District occurs in close proximity to the proposed Western Sydney Airport and Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis, and that a better planning outcome will be achieved by merging the two Districts into one Western City District under the District planning framework.

The Greater Sydney Commission and the Councils within the new Western City District believe that merging the South West and West Districts provides better outcomes for the Greater Sydney Region. Doing so will mean that the objectives sought through the Western City Deal and the development of the Western Sydney Airport and Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis, along with the South West, North West and Western Sydney Airport Priority Growth Areas and the proposed major transport corridors including South Creek Corridor can be unified under one planning District.

What has happened to the draft West District Plan and draft South West District Plan?

The submissions and feedback received on the draft West District Plan and draft South West District Plan will be carefully considered in the preparation of a draft Western City District Plan.

The draft Western City District Plan will be placed on public exhibition in early November 2017 and public comment will again be sought in relation to this Plan.

From the date of the Minister's Order creating the new District until the draft Western City District Plan is placed on public exhibition, the current draft West District Plan and South West District Plan will continue to apply in their former areas to reflect the strategic planning position of the Commission.

Once the draft Western City District Plan is placed on exhibition, the draft West District Plan and draft South West District Plan will no longer apply and, for the purposes of preparing a planning proposal or for the Strategic Merit Assessment for rezoning reviews under the Department of Planning and Environment's *A Guide to Preparing Planning Proposals*, the draft Western City District Plan will be the relevant draft District Plan to be considered.

Who is the District Commissioner?

Deputy Chief Commissioner and Economic Commissioner, Geoff Roberts has been appointed as the Interim District Commissioner for the Western City District.

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